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Welcome to Bethel Methodist Church - Takoradi

History of the church

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BRIEF HISTORY OF BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH – TAKORADI 1928 – 2010

As far back as 1893 Methodism in Takoradi was a Society without a home. At the onset, those who wanted to worship traveled to Sekondi to worship at Wesley Methodist Church. In July 1928, Mr.

Samuel Babon Owu and Madam Juliana Amoah began to entertain people in the neighborhood with religious songs and canticles. Out of this, informal regular Sunday Evening services came into being.

The services were held in the homes of the following people; beginning from the premises of Mr. Samuel Babon Owu at the Railway Quarters then moved to the home of Mr. H. A. Boating near the Takoradi Central Police Station and then to Mr. John Blankson's home on the Harbour Road. The group then moved to a kitchen on Kumasi Road then to a Market shed and finally to a Temporary shed on the site where the present Chapel stands.



Worship with Us!

Searching for a place to worship? You are welcome to Bethel Methodist Church. We hold three services every Sunday. Come worship with us and feel the passion and joy that comes when people share time together with the Holy Spirit.

Lay Movement Anthem

I will serve the church
With all my mind and strength,
Wherein thine honour dwells,
To glorify thy name.
With a right good will
And a right good heart
I will serve the church.

Wisdom Corner

A singing group numbering about eight members was formed. A singing band was later formed. Out of the eight members only one is alive now in the person of Mrs. Araba Coleman (formerly Araba Owu).

In thankfulness to God, the work of these pioneers expanded with the assistance of the following members who have passed away through the gates of death to eternity. They are:

MESSERS	MESDAMES
Samuel Babon Owu	Juliana Anwah
W.F. Yawson	Agnes Pinto
I.Y. Yedorwu	Sarah Yedornu
J.R.B. Morrison	Mercy Ackon
J. Kukugbor	Helena Leward
H.A. Boateng	Amba Patience
J.B. Mochia	
Pa. C.E. marke	
J. Jackie-Otoo	
G.B. Abaka-Woode	
S.K. Mayne	

and many more who the church still acknowledges their good work done. One of the outstanding leaders at the time was "Paa" C.E. Marke as he was affectionately called, was appointed "overseer" of the newly founded church in 1929. He worked under the direction of the Superintendent Minister, Rev. Maclean Bruce of Sekondi.

ANGER AND THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

READERS FOR JAN-JUNE 2018

TEACHINGS ON TITHING

IMPRISONMENT TALK

TALK ON PARENTING

LITURGISTS JAN-JUNE 2018

Guests Online

We have 7 guests and no members online

Special tribute to paid to Bro. Ernest Thompson a devoted Methodist an European Diver of the then Gold Coast Railways and Harbour Administration from 1930-1950. He built the first Temporary Iron Zinc Sheets Structure and a Pulpit for Divine Worship. The First-Confirmation of Ten (10) members into Full Membership was conducted by the then Rev. J.S.A. Stephens, the first ordained minister posted to Takoradi Methodist Church from 1951-1952. Out of the Ten (10) members only one is alive in the person of Mr. R.R. Acquah Harrison.

The opening of Takoradi Harbour in 1928 and the establishment of Government Departments brought an influx of people from all parts of the country and west Africa, among who were Methodists. With the Christian community growing rapidly, the need to provide a permanent and larger building for worship became imperative. To meet this need, the construction of a new Chapel began in December 1951 under the supervision of Mr. J. D. Amoo, a prominent timber merchant in Takoradi. The foundation stone-laying ceremony was performed on Saturday, 6th September, 1952 Rev. Gaddiel R. Acquah, Chairman of the Methodist Church.

The new chapel served its purpose well but it soon became evident that an extension to it was required if the fast growing membership of the church was to be conveniently accommodated. The Superintendent Minister, Rev. Samuel Kweku Acquah and his Leaders decided to build a new Chapel and retain the old one to serve as Church Hall for meetings and other functions.

In pursuance of this decision, the foundation stone for the new Chapel was laid on Sunday, 7th of May, 1978 by Rev. Charles Awotwe Pratt, President of the Methodist Conference. He was assisted by Rev. Major J. Cantomanto Koomoson, Chairman of the District and Rev. Samuel Kwaku Acquah.

To the glory of God, the new Chapel was opened and dedicated on 23rd August, 1986 by Rt.

J.S.A. Stephens, President of the Methodist Conference (who was the first Minister of the Church), assisted by Rev. D.K.M. Okwaisie, Chairman of the District and Rev. J.E. Ebe-Arthur, Superintendent Minister, during whose tenure of office the Chapel was completed.

Under the able leadership of the Very Rev. Emmanuel K. Aryee the Bethel Methodist Chapel saw a massive renovation works that is Tilling, Changing of wooden doors etc. In preparation for the 50th Annual Synod in May 2011.

Alongside providing a worthy "Temple" for the worship of God, Bethel Society has not forgotten that the almighty had said that for lack of knowledge my people perish. With this at the back of the minds of both the Clergy and Leadership took it upon itself to ensure that Education of its members became a focal point as Bethel Society carries the Takoradi Circuit on its shoulders.

The Society has therefore within the last forty years (1973 – 2013) been able to put up Schools from both the K.G. to the Second Cycle and these are Bethel K.G, Bethel Primary and J.H.S, Bedu Addo J.H.S and Ebenezer K.G.

Bethel Society has gone a step further to establish a Comprehensive Scholarship Scheme that since its inception in 2007 has benefited 73 students from both the 2nd Cycle to Tertiary level including Vocational students and this has really been a blessing in disguise for the very brilliant but needy students who otherwise could not have dreamt of furthering their education. We pray for God's abundant blessings on all who have in one way or the other contributed to sustain this laudable project. A modern I.C.T. Centre has also been established to give added value to the Education we are offering to our members and this is benefiting both the young and the aged.

Bethel Society has put up a magnificent Office Complex befitting its status in the Connexion and this will be dedicated to the Glory of God in September 2013 by the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Conference. Adequate provision has been made in the Complex to cater for all existing Societies and others yet to come.

The underlisted brethren have served Bethel Society to date. (1928 – 1974 –date)

Overseer: Pa C.E. Marke (Sierra Leao) 1929-1936.

Catechists

Catechist	Year
Bro. J.C. Aidoo	(1936-1949)
Bro. J.A. Ainnuson	(1939-1945)
Bro. G.K. Edusah Eyison	(1945-1950) died 1953
Bro. J.A. Aggrey	(1953-1956)
Bro. J.B. Wonkyi Appiah	(1950-1951)
Bro. S.S. Hayford	(1963)
Bro. A.A. Appiah	(1956-1963)

Circuit Ministers:

Minister	Year
Rev. J.S.A. Stephens	(1951-1952)

Rev. Kenneth R. Kedward, BA	(1952-1958)
Rev. Henry W. Dennis	(1958-1967)
Iren Morrow (Deaconess)	(1958-1967)
Rev. S.H. Biney	(1967-1968)
Rev. G.O. Lartey	(1968-1969)
Rev. K.A. Boateng	(1969-1970)
Rev. Maj. Kantamanto Koomson	(1970-1971)
Rev. P.R. Anderson M.Th	(1971-1973)
Rev. Ebo Ephraim	(1983-1984)
Rev. Isaac T. Fynn	(1993-1994)
Rev. Jane Ellen Odoom	(1994-1999)
Rev. Peter N abbassah	(1999-2000)
Rev. Dr. M K. Forson BA. MTh	(2000-2001)
Rev. Solomon Eshun BA	(2001-2004)
Rev. Mathew Dzikpi	(2004-2008)
Rev. Clara Danquah	(2005-2008)
Rev. Christina Dzakpasu	(2008-2012)
Rev. Kwamena Andzie-Quainoo	(2008-2013)
Rev. Francis Lord Fynn	(2012-2014)
Very Rev. Samuel Asoku Thompson	(2013-2014)

Very Rev. Esther Anaman	(2014-Date)
Rev. Thomas Acquaaah Baiden, BTh.	(2014-2017)
Rev. George Kennedy Owusu, BTh.	(2017-Date)

Supt. Ministers: Superintendent Ministers who have served the society and their years of service with appropriate current titles are listed below.

Minister	Year
Very Rev. P. R. Anderson BD, Mth	(1973-1974)
Rt. Rev. Samuel K. Acquah	(1974-1980)
Rt. Rev. Hawl Entsua- Mensah	(1980-1982)
Rt. Rev. Daniel K. M. Okwesi	(1982-1983)
Rt. Rev. John Ampiah-Addison	(1983-1985)
Rt. Rev. J.E. Ebe-Athur BD. PGCE	(1985-1988)
Rt. Rev. Joseph Ato Brown BA	(1988-1989)
Rt. Rev. J. E. Effah Quayson MDIV, MA	(1989-

	1993)
Rt. Rev. Justice K. A. Dadson BA, MTh	(1993-1996)
Rt. Rev. W. R. A. Blankson BA, STM	(1996-1998)
Rt. Rev. Ebenezer K. Dadson BD, STM	(1998-2001)
Very Rev. T. K. Anderson MDiv, MA, ThM	(2001-2003)
Rt. REV. John Harvey- Ewusi	(2003-2004)
Very Rev. Dr. KWesi Arthur Mensah BA, MEd. DTh	(2004-2009)
Rt. Rev. Edward Ofori Donkor BSc.	(2009-2010)
Very Rev. Emmanuel K. Aryee BA, MBA, MSc	(2010-2013)
Very Rev. Isaac K. Sam, BA, MPil.	(2013-2017)
Very Rev. (Mrs) Comfort Ruth Quarty Papafio, MTS;ThM	(2017-Date)

Chapel Keepers:

- Bro. J.S. Koomsn

- Bro. K.A. Quagraine
- Bro. Williams (Liberian)
- Bro. Sanco (Liberian)
- Bro. Kofi Sorsau

Society Stewards:

1. Bro. George Cudjoe (1935-1942)	12. Sis. Esther Ntow
2. Bro. E.C. Nunoo (1935-1942)	13. Bro. K.W. Hayford Wilson
3. Bro. F.N. Quayson (1942-1951)	14. Sis. Hagar Ekua Intarmah
4. Bro. W. Noi-Mensah (1951-1960)	15. Bro. T. A. Mensah
5. Bro. F.M. Hammond (1960-1966)	16. Sis. Janet Kofie
6. Bro. C.C. Abbey (1960-1966)	17. Bro. James A.A. Abadoo-Brew
7. Bro. J.L. Sam (1968-1972)	18. Nana Kofi Imbeah
8. Bro. K.W. Hayford Wilson (1972 -	19. Sis. Regina Blay
9. Bro. D.S.K. Mensah -	20. Bro. Jonathan Enchill (2001 –
10. Bro. D.D. Nunoo -	21. Bro. T.A. Mensah (2004-2009)
11. Bro. Kinful Cudjoe	22. Sis. Mary Caroline Amegavlui (2005 –

Chapel Stewards:

Bro. John Akwasi Gyedu

Bro. Ben Kwofie

Bro. Archibald Nketsiah

Bro. Ebenezer Ackom

Bro. Aaron Kojo Paha

Bro. Isaac Kwesi Arthur

Chapel Keepers:

- Sis. Catherine Oppong
- Bro. Bismark Amaoh
- Sis. Agnes Baidoo

Men's Fellowship

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HISTORY OF BETHEL METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP – TAKORADI.

ORIGINS

The Bethel Leaders Meeting under the chairmanship of Rev. Hwl Entuah-Mensah, the Superintendent Minister of Takoradi Circuit, gave its blessing and active support for the establishment of a Men's Fellowship at Bethel Society.



FORMATION

Under the leadership of Brother A.A. Mensah, the first of a series of meetings was held on Sunday, 2nd October 1981 to discuss and decide on the formation of the Men's Fellowship.

The following brothers attended the first meeting and registered to become the founders of the Bethel Methodist Men's Fellowship:

1. Bro. A.A. Mensah	11. Bro. J.C. Frimpong-Manso
2. Bro. Kofi Buckman	12. Bro. David Acquah
3. Bro. D. A. Noonoo	13. Bro. M. Addai-Barnie
4. Bro. M.K. Benemah	14. Bro. G.B. Ackon
5. Bro. M.N.A. Koomson	15. Bro. S.K. Ainooson
6. Bro. E.A. Assan	16. Bro. E.K. Asiedu
7. Bro. Seth T. Oman	17. Bro. Thomas Baffoe
8. Bro. J.T. Domson-Appiah	18. Bro. J.K. Baiden
9. Bro. R.E. Cruickshank	19. Bro. J.B. Gaisie
10. Bro. J. Kinful-Cudjoe	

The formation of Bethel Methodist Men's Fellowship was inspired by the example of the Calvary Methodist Church in Accra North Circuit, which had set the pace to establish the first men's Fellowship on 1st August 1976.

The first slogan chosen by the Fellowship was "Ye Edwuma Hwer, ma wo ho Nkomu", but this was replaced with "For Christ, We Live" after the first interim conference had adopted it in Accra on Saturday, 21st November, 1981. Bethel Society, though not formally inaugurated, was among the twelve Fellowships that attended the conference.

Bethel Methodist Men's Fellowship was formally inaugurated on Sunday 30th May 1982 with Rev. Charles A. Ekuban as the officiating Minister.

Present at the inaugural service were:

1. Bro. D.A. Noonoo	13. Bro. S.K. Ainooson
2. Bro. J. Kinful Cudjoe	14. Bro. E.K. Asiedu
3. Bro. Kofi Buckman	15. Bro. M.N.A. Koomson
4. Bro. R.E. Cruickshank	16. Bro. Samuel Eshun
5. Bro. J.Y. Domson-Appiah	17. Bro. seth T. Oman
6. Bro. M.K. Benemah	18. Bro. S.K. Ainooson
7. Bro. J.C. Frimpong-Manso	19. Bro. E.K. Asiedu
8. Bro. M.N.A. Koomson	20. Bro. Thomas Baffoe
9. Bro. Samuel Eshun	21. Bro. M. Addai-Barnie
10. Bro. E.K. Quayson	22. Bro. J.K. Baiden
11. Bro. J.B. Gaisie	23. Bro. E.K. Bedford
12. Bro. G.B. Ackon	

FIRST EXECUTIVE

The first elected Executive Members of Bethel Men's Fellowship who were inducted into office during the inauguration service were:

1. Bro. D.A. Noonoo (Chairman)	11. Bro. Seth T. Oman Organising Secretary
2. Bro. J. Kinful-Cudjoe (Vice Chairman)	12. Bro. E.A. Assan Chaplain
3. Bro. Kofi Buckman (Secretary)	13. Bro. E.K. Bedford Porter I

4. Bro. R.E. Cruickshank (Fin.
Sec/Treasurer)

14. Bro. S.K. Baffoe Porter II

HOUSES

As the membership grew, the fellowship was divided into four groups, named after Pioneer Circuit Reverend Ministers who had served the Bethel Society. Namely:

Group I was named after Rev. J.S.A. Stephens

Group II was named after Rev. K.A. Boateng

Group III was named after Rev. K. Kedward

Group IV was named after Rev. H.W. Dennis

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

A number of Local Preachers, Bible Class Leaders, Steward, Synod and Conference members have come from our fold. They have offered invaluable services to the Society, Circuit, Diocese and Connexion. Notable are Bros. J. Kinful-Cudjoe, D.A. Noonoo, D.S.K. Mensah, T.A. Mensah, Francis Arthur and E.K. Sarpey.

One society steward of the Bethel Methodist Church Takoradi. Of special mention is Bro. J.A. Abadoo-Brew, the first Lay Chairman of the Sekondi Diocese, Past Connexional Chairman of the Association of Methodist Men's Fellowships and past Lay President of Conference.

We also thank God for the Ministers who have come from our fold including Very Rev. Kofi Manford, Rev. Alex Akom-Forson and Rev. Popeson Adjei.

PROJECTS

In 1987, the idea of building a Men's shop was mooted. On Palm Sunday 19th March 1989 a Men's shop had been completed and was officially dedicated by Rev. J.E. Ebe-Arthur the then Chairman of Sekondi District assisted by Rev. K. Ato-Brown, the Supt. Minister. Christian Literature of all kinds was sold to promote reading among members of the church.

With the passage of time, it became necessary for the shop to engage in other ventures to support the Fellowship. As a result, sale of soft drinks and reading glasses were added, with the glasses attracting the highest patronage.

Two of the rooms in the building were also rented out to raise funds. Currently the shop building is housing the men's Fellowship office, Bethel Methodist Credit Union Office and a Soft Drinks/Stationery Store.

TAKORADI HOSPITAL

The fellowship adopted the Male Ward of the Takoradi Hospital during which various donations were made to the hospital.

BETHEL COMPUTER CENTRE

Bethel Methodist Men's Fellowship contributed immensely by cash and kind towards the setting up of the Centre.

CHILDREN PROJECT

In 2005 the Fellowship conceived the idea of extending assistance to needy children and ultimately to establish a Children's Home.

We can say to the glory of God, that the first six children identified are in school at various stages and are doing well. A Business Plan to put the project in perspective is at an advanced stage of its preparation. This project is in line with the Presiding Bishop's vision of establishing a Children's Home in each Diocese.

SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIPS

The following members have served the Association of Methodist Men's Fellowship in various positions:

NATIONAL LEVEL

Bro. J.A. Abadoo-Brew Chairman 1999-2002

Bro. Kofi Buckman Diocesan Rep 1984-1987

Bro. D.A. Noonoo Diocesan Rep 1987-1990

Bro. J. Kinful-Cudjoe Diocesan Rep 2000 – 2003

DIOCESAN LEVEL

Bro. Ben Appiah Fin. Secretary 1990-1993

Bro. David Acquah P.R.O. 1990-1993

Bro. J.A. Quayson Fin. Secretary 1998-2001

Bro. R.K. Baah Asst. P.R.O. 1995-1998

Bro. George Sackey Secretary 1998-2001

Bro. Ben Kordieh P.R.O. 2005-2007

Bro. B.Y.S. Wireku Exec. Member 2005-2007

Bro. Francis Arthur Exec. Member 2005-2007

Bro. J.K. Quayson Exec. Member 2005-2007

CIRCUIT LEVEL

Bro. Nat N.B. Kwofie Chairman 1993-1996

Bro. J.K. Quayson Chairman 1996-1999

Bro. Francis Arthur Chairman 2000-2003

Bro. Daniel Asmah Secretary 2002-2005

Bro. J.B.K. Takyi P.R.O. 1995-1998

Bro. Ben Leeward Secretary 2005-2007

Bro. R.K. Onumah Vice Chairman 2003-2006

Bro. B.Y.S. Wireku Vice Chairman 2006- 2009

A.B.C. OF METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WHAT IS IT?

The Men's Fellowship of the Methodist Church, Ghana is one of the Fellowships in the Church with special interest in the role that men can and should play in the life of the Church.

WHAT DOES IT STAND FOR?

The stated objectives of the Men's Fellowship stands for:

- Recognising the Lordship of Jesus Christ and bringing our spouses and children and other relatives to him.
- As the Chief Priests in our individual homes to endeavor to play that role in the church as the body of Christ.
- To encourage fellow men in the church to emulate Christ.
- To help raise funds for the furtherance of the work of God in the church.

How does one join the fellowship?

If you are an adult male aged above 25 years and you are a full member of your society, all you need to do is complete a simple application form. The application should be endorsed by a current member and your Bible Class Leader.

THE OBLIGATIONS OF A MEMBER

- To attend and participate actively in all church activities
- To actively participate in the activities of the fellowship; that is:
 - a. Discussions at Meetings
 - b. Serve on fellowship subcommittees

c. Visit sick, bereaved or

- To witness and win Men to Christ
- To promote the Fellowship wherever you are
- To pay your dues and other levies for welfare matters. (sickness, bereavements, marriages, etc)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS ENJOYED BY A MEMBER

When you join the Men's Fellowship you:

- Become a brother in a larger Connexional Family of Christ
- Obtain God's blessings through your service to the church and others
- Receive assistance and support in many ways from other brothers in times of sickness, bereavement, marriage etc.
- Have an opportunity to offer assistance to others, church and community that may stand in need of your specific skills or endowments.

CONTRIBUTION OF THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TO THE CHURCH

- Pulls together the diverse endowments of individual members eg. to establish various projects and to introduce ideas and innovations.
- Prepares members for various offices, eg. Leaders, Local Preachers, Stewards, Ministers etc.

THE METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS A

- Connexional Fellowship
- Of in the Methodist Church

- Fellowshipping together
- Based on the Teachings of Jesus Christ
- Partners with other Methodist organizations to support our church.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2014.

History Of The Bethel Methodist Women's Fellowship

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HISTORY OF THE BETHEL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

HOW IT WAS STARTED:

Between 1937 and 1938 just five years after the Fellowship had established in the then Gold Coast, Takoradi Women's Fellowship was also established by two (2) White Missionaries with the help of Mrs. Anna Holdbrook Smith and Mrs. Mary J. Annan, all of blessed memory.

The two (2) White missionaries were Mrs. Cathleen I Maison and Joyce Bathan. Among the pioneers were Mrs. Alberta Brown - Orleans, Madam Hannah Anussah, Sister Margaret Williams, Mrs. MaryAniue, Mrs. Marian Amoh, Madam Adoku, Auntie Maae and two (2) others, all of blessed memory.

The old demolished wooden chapel was the meeting place at that time. As the membership increased, they moved into the Rev. Philip Anderson Kingdergarten classroom. They continued to increase and the place became smaller, so they moved into the small chapel where meeting have been held to date.

The branch has grown from strength to strength through the help of the Holy Spirit and has dedicated and committed officers. Since then, activities of the Fellowship have had a great impact on the church. The branch for many years, was the best financial contributor in the circuit, District (now Diocese) as well as the Connexion.

ACHIEVEMENT :

By the grace of God, the branch has produced two (2) dynamic Connexional officers in the persons of senior sisters: Elizabeth Sam (deceased) Connexional President from 1997-1998 and Hagar Ekua Intarmah (Mrs.) Connexional Secretary from 2001-2006.

Also, the fellowship has been able to raise (3) three sisters who also served the following offices in the Diocese. These are: Sister; Regina Blay Past President; Mary Patience Ampeh, Secretary and Martha Araba Aidoo-Treasurer. The branch can also boast of producing the 3rd and the 4th Lay Chairmen of the Sekondi Diocese in the persons of Mrs. Hagar Ekua Intarmah 2007-2010 and Mrs. Esther Lilly Nkansah 2010-2013.



METHODIST GIRL'S FELLOWSHIP

It is very interesting to note that the Methodist Girls' Fellowship Ghana was first established in the Takoradi Branch by the then White Connexional Secretary of the Women's Fellowship, Sister Irene Morrow in the year 1964, with the help of Mrs. Diana Holdbrook Smith, Sister Christiana Hammond and Sister Hannah Amoah, all of blessed memory.

By the grace of God the Takoradi M.G.F. has produced an MGF Connexional Treasure in the person of Sisters Harriet Entsua Mensah and Adwoa Assan.

LAY MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES:

The branch has been very active in Lay Movement activities and has had the following Sisters serving various levels of the movement in the past: Mary Caroline Amagavlui, Diocesan and Connexional Secretary as well as Nancy Caroline Oppong Diocesan Secretary. Currently, the sitting secretary to the Takoradi circuit Lay Movement council is also from the branch in the person of Sister Dora Addo.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

To God be the glory great things he has done. Many of our Sisters have served as society stewards; leaders, chairmen to circuit and Diocesan committees. Sister Regina Blay (Past chairman) also served on the History and Archives Committee of the Takoradi Circuit.

Out of the Takoradi Women's Fellowship came two (2) female Reverend Ministers: Very Rev. Mrs. Comfort Ruth Quartey Papafio now serving the Good Shepherd Society Tanokrom in the Effiakuma Circuit and Very Rev. Mrs. Jemima Amanor, presently the Director for Gender and Family Issues Directorate of the Connexion.

LAY MINISTRIES:

The branch is blessed with Mrs. Joana Abban Hagan as a Evangelist.

POLITICAL APPOINTMENT:

Sister Esther Lilly Nkansah who has been a political figure as the Western Regional Minister from 1996 to the year 2000, is a product of the branch.

PROJECTS

The branch operated a canteen at the Takoradi Hospital to cater for the patients during the 1983 famine period.

In 1985, the branch started operating a snack bar to quench the thirst and hunger of the congregation and this has existed up to date. The proceeds from this brought the initiation of the complex building now rented to the "Challenge Bookshop" Takoradi. We now sell kenkey and tatar to increase our finances..

The Fellowship has five houses namely:

1. Cathleen Maison
2. Frances Green
3. Cathleen Whyte
4. Rev. Irene Morrow
5. Jane Noom

Cathleen Maison house was the first house to be established and named after the 1st Missionary who started the Fellowship in Takoradi.

OFFICERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT:

1. Sis. Dinah Holdbrooke-Smith	2nd Connexional Secretary
2. Sis. Elizabeth Sam	1st Takoradi Circuit President & 4th Diocesan President(1982-1984), Connexioanl President(1997-1998)
3. Sis. Regina Blay	Diocesan President(1998-2000)
4. Sis. Hagar E. Intarmah	Diocesan Secretary (1992-1998), Connexional Secretary (2001-2006)
5. Sis. Martha Araba Aidoo	Diocesan Treasurer (2000-2003)
6. Sis. Onelia E. Cromwell	Diocesan M.G.F. President(2002-2004), Connexional M.G.F. Treasurer(2004-2008)

7. Sis. Mary Patience Ampeh	Diocesan Secretary(2007-2010)
8. Sis. Harriet Entsua-Mensah	Diocesan M.G.F. President(2007-2011)

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1955	Sis. Alberta Brown Orleans	Sis. Dinah Holdbrooke-Smith	-
	Sis. Flora Biney	Sis. Dinah Holdbrooke-Smith	-
1967	Sis. Amy Sackeyfio	Sis. Dinah Holdbrooke-Smith	-
1967-1971	Sis. Comfort Owu	Sis. Sarah Koomson	-
1971-1973	Sis. Elizabeth Sam	Sis. Regina Blay	-
1973-1975	Sis. Alfreda Davies	Sis. Hannah Atta Peters	-
1975-1977	Sis. Sarah Koomson	Sis. Sophia Hammond/Sis. Grace P. Wilson	-
1977-1978	Sis. Josephine Yawson	Sis. Agnes Acquah	Sis. Rose Acquah
1978-1979	Sis. Sarah Koomson	Sis. Agnes Acquah	-

1979-1981	Sis. Regina Blay	Sis. Christiana Odei	Sis. Osofo Maame Ansah
1981-1983	Sis. Esther Ntow	Sis. Hagar E. Intarmah	Sis. Liticia A. Owusu
1983-1985	Sis. Florence Koomson	Sis. Mary P. Ampeh	Sis. Margaret Hanson
1985-1987	Sis. Martha A. Aidoo	Sis. Sophia Paintsil	Sis. Beatrice Agyapong
1989-1991	Sis. Dorcas Hayford	Sis. Vivian Acquah	Sis. Faustina Dadzie
1991-1993	Sis. Mary P. Ampeh	Sis. Confort Adjei-Sarfo	Sis. Faustina Dadzie
1993-1995	Sis. Alberta Coleman	Sis. Nancy Oppong	Sis. Cecilia Onumah
1995-1997	Sis. Joana Abban-Hagan		
1997-1999	Sis. Janet Kwofie	Sis. Comfort Bassaw	Sis. Mercy Adantwi
1999-2000	Sis. Sophia Asamoah	Sis. Helena Ahwer	Sis. Helena Eshun
2000-2003	Sis. Evelyn Pieteron	Sis. Helena Ahwer	Sis. Helena Eshun
2003-2006	Sis. Sussie Mensah	Sis. Dora Addo	Sis. Paulina Wolley

2006-2009	Sis. Georgina Biney	Sis. Ruth Budu Anguah	Sis. Georgina Abakah
2009-2012	Sis. Gertrude Prah	Sis. Emma Amoah	Sis. Elizabeth Adupong
2015-DATE	Sis. Esther Abana Dadzie	Sis. Olivia Dontoh	Sis. Elizabeth Cromwell

CONCLUSION:

We are most grateful to the Almighty God for his love, protection, guidance and direction shown to the Fellowship this far, to the Reverend Ministers and their spouses in the circuits, for availing themselves as instrument of peace to strengthen the Fellowship. To the senior most sisters who have served from branch to the Connexion, the patrons and patronesses and the entire members of the fellowship for your encouraging words, prayers and supports to sustain the fellowship. We say, may the Good Lord bless you all?

Nyame n'edwuma na hwe

Bravo!!, Ayekoo

Afe nhyiapa!!!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

Susanna Wesley Mission Auxiliary

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HISTORY OF SUSANNA WESLEY MISSION AUXILIARY – BETHEL SOCIETY, TAKORADI

INTRODUCTION

And are we yet alive

And see each other's face

Glory and praise to Jesus give

For his redeeming grace. M.H.B. 709

In July 1995, few members gathered in the church to form Susanna Wesley Mission



Auxiliary. The meeting started at one of the Patroness's house. During the period under review, late Brother I. K. Kermah and some executives from Wesley SUWMA – Sekondi visited and give us guidance. When new members joined, we moved to a convenient place at neighborhood centre near the Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Over there too, meetings went on smoothly with the assistance of Late brother I. K. Kermah who taught new songs and other activities.

The organization initially faced a lot of cold feet from both clergy and laity. Later we moved to Bethel preparatory school classrooms for our meetings.

In 2003, members started backsliding. Punctuality at meeting was encouraging. We still did not lose hope and confidence. The few members had to seek advice from the Presiding Bishop anytime he came to the Diocese. We consulted other Ministers within the Diocese for help in order to form the organization.

INAUGURATION

In October 2007, Very Rev. Kwesi Arthur-Mensah met all women who were interested at the small chapel. Our first meeting was held on the 24th October, 2007 and by god's grace Sunday 20th January, 2008 the SUWMA branch at bethel Society was inaugurated by Very Rev. Kwesi Arthur-Mensah. On Saturday, prior to the inauguration all SUWMA branches in the Diocese including National Executives were at bethel Methodist Church to have a picnic through the principal streets of Takoradi.

ACHIVEMENT

We have also helped to form a branch at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Poasi within the Takoradi Circuit.

At the first anniversary celebration, the organization visited the Takoradi Hospital and presented cloths, food items and detergents to the wards. A projector was also presented to Bethel Methodist Church on Sunday, 13th September, 2009 during the Thanksgiving Service.

AIM:

Our aim is to assist our Ministers and to help decorate the church.

OFFICERS

The organization now has eighteen (18) executive members including two (2) ex-officio members. All the executives participate fully in the activities of the organization and church programmes.

MEETINGS

The organization holds meetings every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. while the Executive Meetings are held on 1st Tuesday of every month.

ACTIVITIES

The organization honours all Circuits and Diocesan programmes such as funerals within and outside the metropolis, weddings, organizational Conferences, laymovement, breakfast meetings, Women's Division programmes such as food bazaars, and Synod rallies with the Diocese. Resource personal were also invited to give us talk on diabetes, cancer, diet – vegetables and fruits etc.

VISITATION

The organization visits all the sick members both at home and at the hospital.

MARRIAGE

To date Seventeen (17) members got married under the ordinance cap 127. A procession of house members carrying hampers were presented on each occasion.

DEATH

Since inception Four (4) members have been called to higher service above. – Sisters Gifty Lartey, Sarah Eshun, Georgina Aggrey and Georgina Dickson.

CONCLUSION

We thank the Lord for the success chalked and pray that he carries us through the coming years successfully. MAY HIS NAME BE PRAISED.

Church Choir

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A SHORT HISTORY OF BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR – TAKORADI

The choir was formed in the year 1936 with few pupils (boys & girls) from the Methodist School under the auspices of the following able leaders; Late S.B. Owusu, Late G.B. Abaka-Woode and Late Edmondson. From such a modest beginning the choir now has a membership of 150.

In the 1950's, the choir enjoyed the leadership of eminent musicians in the persons of Late Hackman, Benyarko, Plange, C.E. Ampah, Donkoh and Emmanuel Acheampong. The Bethel Methodist Church Choir was administered by the Late W. P. Brown-Orleans – Choirmaster, Late C.E. Ampah, Principal-Organist, Late H.L. Poole-Grant, Precentor, assisted by the Late H.M. Acquaaah-Harrison.



The Choir celebrated her first Anniversary on the 9th Day of September, 1951 with fifty male and twenty-five female members. Out of the seventy-five Choristers as at 1951, only 8 are still with the Choir. They are Bro. R.R. Acquaa-Harrison, Isaac Arhu, Faustina Acheampong, Beatrice Quarm, Mavis Nkrumah, Eunice Oppong, Elizabeth Selby and Theresa Blankson.

Under the leadership of Late W.P. Brown-Orleans, the Choir was able to stage a Cantata entitled, "THE PRODIGAL SON" written by an eminent musician in the person of the Late H.B. Sam. The few personalities who played important roles in the Cantata were the following:- Ben Forjoe, W.F. Brown-Orleans (Jnr), Late W.T. Wilson, Late Kweku Ellis, E.J. Assan, Late R.C. Aduku, R.R. Acquaaah-Harrison and sister Kate Antwi, Alexandra Armo, Late Vivian Insaidoo, Emma Quartey, Mavis Nkrumah and Late Faustina Mayne.

The Choir enjoyed tutorship of eminent musicians in the persons of Late I.D. Riverson, Late N.T. Clarke, E.C. Bilson (Snr), Late W.F. Brown-Orleans, K.O. Bedu-Addo, Late A.K. de Veer and others.

The Late W.F. Brown-Orleans, executive members, Patrons and entire Choir membership were very instrumental in the provision of the Choir Robes ordered from England. The first electronic organ which was donated to the Choir through Rev. H.W. Dennis by Mss. Edith Neth Burton of Sheffield England, was inaugurated on the 22/7/62. The second electronic

organ was donated by Mr. & Mrs. M.K. Baiden, life patrons of the Choir, and inaugurated on the 21/08/88.

The festival of 9 Lessons and Carol that was performed in 1976 during the time of the Late Herbert Sam, who was then Choirmaster/Organist.

In 1988-1989, the Choir staged “Proving of Singing” during the time of the Late Harvey Ewusie in the Interim came Bro. Samuel Allotey took over during his absence.

In 2000, the Choir again came in with “Ghanaba” which was known to be “Halleluiah what a Saviour” with Drums, during the Late Lawrence Oppong’s (Choirmaster/Organist) time.

In 1999-2000, Bro. Vincent Sackey for the first time took the Choir to a T.V. Programme (Songs of Praise) at Accra.

Bro. Ebenezer Adom took us through ‘Selected Messiah for the first time of the History of the Choir, followed by “Halleluia what a Saviour, “Joseph and Technique Colour Coast” all in the form of Drama and Singing without talking but only performing/acting.

The latest once achievement of the Choir was the Choir’s ‘Recording’ led by Bro. Ebenezer Adom that was also the first time in the History of the Choir.

In the cause of re-shaping the Choir, there came suddenly his appointment to the Methodist University as a Lecturer at Accra.

His departure indeed shattered the hopes of the Choir but fortunately “as God moves in a mysterious ways” surfaced our brother Alfred Patrick Addaquay and his appearance has once again restored/rekindled the Choir’s hopes for a brighter future.

The Choir can boldly testify that there are great potentials in him (Bro. Addaquay) and through God’s grace will lead the Choir into greater heights. His few period/moments with both the Choir and the Church as a whole, has made the Choir attained/achieve bigger names specifically, the Supt. Minister calling the Choir an “International Choir.

May the Almighty God empower him with the strength and knowledge to bring the choir's dream into being.

The Choir has to its credit two CD's 'Menya Ngyirama Apem' a collection of Methodist Hymns in Fante and 'Messiah' in both video and audio. It is hoped the Choir will live up to its slogan of SERVICE TO GOD.

Between 1936 and 2012, the following served as Choirmasters, presenters and principal organists:

CHOIRMASTERS

1. G.B. Abaka-Woode (Choirmaster 1936-1950)	7. R.R. Acquah-Harrison (Choirmaster 1986-1990)
2. W.P. Brown-Orleans (Choirmaster 1950-1956)	8. Justice Moses Abeka (Choirmaster 1990-1994)
3. H.L. Poole-Grant (Choirmaster 1968-1980)	9. J.B. Anna (Choirmaster 1994-1996)
4. H.B. Sam (Choirmaster 1980-1982)	10. J.V. Sackey (Choirmaster 1996-2010)
5. Lawrence Oppong (Choirmaster 1982-1984)	11. Ebenezer Adom
6. B.E. Cornney (Choirmaster 1984-1986)	12. Alfred P. Addaquay (Choirmaster 2010-2013)

PRECENTORS

1. H.L. Poole-Grant Precentor (1950-1958)

7. E.A. Bart-Addison Precentor (19

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| 2. Johnson Precentor (1958-1971) | 8. J.A. Polley Precentor (1998-2000) |
| 3. G.A. Banson Precentor (1971-1972) | 9. P.N. Buako Precentor (2004-2008) |
| 4. B.E. Corney Precentor (1972-1984) | 10. Ishmael Wilson Precentor (2008-2010) |
| 5. J.F. Williams Precentor (1984-1986) | 11. Susana Eshun Precentor (2010-2014) |
| 6. E.K. Baiden Precentor (1990-1996) | |

PRINCIPAL ORGANIST

1. Teacher Dadson	7. Lawrence Oppong
2. S.B. Owu	8. Ebenezer Adom
3. C.E. Ampah	9. S.D. Allotey
4. H.N. Acquah	10. Harvey Essilfie
5. R.K. Insaideo	11. J.V. Sackey
6. H.B. Sam	

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Guild

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HISTORY OF BETHEL METHODIST GUILD (1940 – 2010)

The Bethel Methodist Guild started in gradual manner 70 years ago with some members of the then Singing Band as Takoradi Wesleyan Guild. In the initial stages, the organization of the Guild became very difficult in the Society and it was at this stage that the Late Rev. Henry W. Dennis, when posted to the Takoradi Society in 1958, developed interest in the Guild and so took up the responsibility to over-see its activities.



The late Rev. Dennis began mobilizing the male youth in the Guild, while his wife took charge of the ladies, thus helping them acquire skills in craftsmanship.

After the Rev. Dennis had left in 1976, the leadership of the Guild, namely, the late Brother J.W. Quayson and Sister Nancy Adams rose up to occupy the position of Chairman and Vice respectively and thus became the first Lay members to occupy that post.

Later, other Elders like J.L. Sam, J.B. Harrison and Sis. Hanna Owoo joined hands to help in the upliftment of the Bethel Methodist Guild. Opanyin Benjamin Eshun, Ex-Accountant of the

then Railway and Ports Authority, used the Guild in establishing the Asakae Methodist Church, while the late Brother F.W. Quayson took charge of places like Funko, Amanful-Kuma, Kwesimintsim, Poasi and Nkotompo.

The main aim of the Methodist Guild was to organize and create a lively and attractive fellowship of young people. The S.O. 202 of the 1961, Standing Order of the Methodist Church, Ghana summarized the Guild as follows: ***“to mobilize Methodist Youth for the church activities and to train them as effective witnesses in the church”.***

In pursuit of these aims and objectives mentioned above, the Bethel Methodist Guild, Takoradi, has engaged itself in various activities like Bible Studies, Bible Quiz, Preaching and Singing Competition and Sword Drill which was introduced at that time; and has won prizes at various sectors of the Guild, even in the District (now Diocese). These assisted and encouraged most of the youth in the Guild to develop interest in the ministry and thus became Reverend Ministers of the Methodist Church as a whole, to mention a few, the late Rev. E.E. Ackon of blessed memory.

It is worth noting that when Rev. K.A. Boateng was posted here in 1968, he also used the Guild in series of revivals; and no wonder, with the theme “Christ Must Increase” revived the Bethel Methodist Church, Takoradi. This Banner can now be read in the Small Chapel.

In the 70s, the youth had interest in the Guild and as a result, the older Folks started training them to take over. Notable among these elderly persons was Op. Kweku Biney also of Blessed memory.

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